

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

LOUISIANA'S TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS

US 425 (US 65 TO FOULES)



The \$3 million rehabilitation of the existing travel lanes along US 425 from US 65 near Clayton to LA 921 at Foules will enhance the recent widening of the highway which was performed as part of the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) program.

Notable Project Facts

- Construction will consist of rehabilitation of the existing, original two-lane roadway (northbound lanes)
- The length of the roadway rehabilitation project is approximately 7 miles
- Rehabilitation will be a 2-inch overlay on the northbound lanes and surface treatment of the paved shoulders
- Project can be let to construction within 120 days
- Project will be delayed to at least Fiscal Year 2009-2010 unless ARRA funds are utilized

Why do we need this?

The highway was recently widened from a two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway through the TIMED Program; however, funding was not available in that program to upgrade the existing two lanes, which are in a deteriorated condition. Improving the existing two-lanes will greatly enhance the investment made insofar as improved mobility and safety for the traveling public.

A solid investment...

The widening project cost approximately **\$60 million**. In order to obtain the maximum benefit from the additional lanes on this corridor, it is important that the existing two lanes, which are in a deteriorated state, are in a good state of repair. This project will accomplish that.

Project Selection for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

La DOTD, in accordance with the parameters set forth by President Barack Obama's economic stimulus, has identified projects which are "shovel ready" and can be let to construction in a very short timeframe. 50% of the ARRA funding must be obligated within 120 days of apportionment of the funds. Failure to obligate this funding within the prescribed time will result in reallocation of the balance of funds to other States.

